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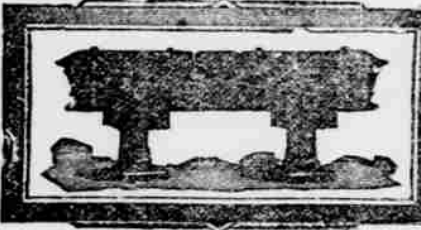
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Hillsboro Placers.

The Hillsboro mining deal increases in magnitude as detailed information is received concerning this immense project, the development of which means a great deal to this territory, says the New Mexican. As already stated the tract comprises an area of about 20 square miles running along the foothills of the eastern slope of the continental divide, known as the Animas Peaks range of mountains. These mountains are famed for valuable veins of mineral and have been worked more or less for the past 20 or 25 years. Numerous porphyry dikes traverse the range at this point. The mountains are gashed at frequent intervals by creeks and gulches, which cut the veins and dikes and were undoubtedly the origin of the rich placer deposits lying at the foot of the range. All of these creeks and gulches flow toward the Rio Grande, distant about eight miles. This flow has spread the gold released from the veins and dikes all over the flats lying at the base of the mountains and has formed one of the richest placer fields ever discovered in the Rocky mountain region.

These placers were discovered about 25 years ago and the reason for their remaining so long without working is found in the fact that they are dry during the greater part of the year. To render it available for extensive operations required the erection of storage reservoirs at a heavy expense and capital could not be secured for the purpose. The heads of the gulches have been worked in a small way for about 20 years by means of dry washing, and hauling the gravel to the Porch river, several miles away. The richness of the gravel is illustrated by the fact that during this time not less than \$1,500,000 have been taken out of an area not above 100 acres in extent. In portions of the district there are large deposits of cement gravel carrying good value in gold. An attempt was made several years ago to work this cement with a Huntington mill, which failed on account of the expense of securing fuel and water.

The gravel deposits range from ten to 25 feet in thickness, and throughout the area tested there was not found a single yard of dirt that did not yield a handsome return. The work is well advanced in the most systematic manner possible under the supervision of a competent expert, who made the most careful tests of the dirt from each hole. The gravel is of a fine, clean, and the rich dirt that has been known to exist for 20 years go far toward justifying the conclusion of a miner who has worked several years in the district that the ground will yield not less than \$250,000,000 upon being worked with the latest improved methods of mining.

The water to work the placers and for use on the tract has been a new concern by Hon. W. S. Hopewell, who controls and owns extensive water rights on the headwaters of the Animas and Percha rivers in Sierra county. The water supply is deemed ample for all purposes and will be brought to the placers by a system of open ditches and pipes, about 15 miles of the latter and about ten miles of the former. It is reported that Mr. Hopewell received the sum of \$20,000 for these water rights, which are on patented government lands and to which the title is perfect.

Great Copper Discoveries.
Hitherto Cocconino county has placed principal reliance upon her timber, cattle and sheep interests, the operations in mining having generally been of a spasmodic and fruitless nature, says the Williams News. It was always known, however, that there were general mineral riches in and near the Grand canyon, and the cheerful news that comes in with each trip for fresh supplies has created a feeling of buoyancy that has become contagious, and induced something of an exodus from the town. Something like 200 men have been at work out there all winter, not far from the mighty chasm of the world, braving the hardships of the snows and cold of this region. The results of their labors have been most encouraging, and a boom that will attract unusual attention is anticipated.

Recently eastern capitalists bonded the claims known as the Marshall and McClure and the Nellis properties. The capitalists are represented by Bucky O'Neill, mayor of Prescott, who knows a good thing in the mining line when he sees it. There are about thirty claims in this group, and Mr. O'Neill is on the spot directing operations.

In connection with these copper discoveries, the News adds, it is of most vital importance to note that this is the only point in Arizona where self-smelting ores are found—the only place in the territory where there may be immense deposits of lead and copper oxides to make possible local reduction works. Ninety-five per cent of the ores of Arizona are dry ores. They have to be concentrated. The result is that about 5,000 tons of concentrates are shipped annually to Colorado smelters, and 70 per cent of the gold and silver in Arizona is credited to Colorado and El Paso, because refined properties lie idle in Arizona because the expense is too great to ship the ore. The shipments of mineral from the territory averages about two carloads per day. Such great gold producers as the Congress, Henrich, Little Jesse, McCabe and Crowned King are under great expense in this particular.

Rich Find Reported.

A private letter was received in town yesterday stating that two prospectors had struck a bonanza in the Dragon mountains, about twelve miles from Wilcox, near the Fortuna and Signed Cat mines, and but four miles from the S. P. track. This is reported to be the richest find ever made in that part of the territory, and miners are much excited over it. Several properties in that district are owned by Tucson people. At the foot of this range of mountains several Mexicans are taking out considerable placer gold. This information comes from a reliable source and is not a rumor. Much development work is being done in the above district and flattering results are being obtained. The camp promises to be one of the richest in gold ore in the territory.—Tucson Citizen.

The Steeple Rock company's new mill has started up. In most of the

camp of this section a mill of this capacity would be considered a substantial addition to the camp. The Steeple Rock company consider it as merely an experimental machine with which to ascertain the best and most economical method of working the ores of the camp. There are ten stamps, each weighing 850 pounds, with a drop of fourteen inches, which reduces the ore so it will go through a forty mesh screen. It is put through Huntington rolls that reduce it so it will pass through a sixty mesh screen. It is amalgamated and concentrated. It passes through sizers, pans and screens. At every stage of the process it is carefully sampled and assayed. By this means it can be ascertained just what process is needed to secure the best results from the ore. If a grain of gold is found in a ton of the tailings new ways of working the ore will be tried until every particle of the gold is extracted. When the proper way of treating the ore is ascertained, hundreds of tons will be treated daily. The company has enough ore in sight to keep a large mill running for years, and more ore is being exposed every day.—Lordsburg Liberal.

Superintendent Randolph has purchased the land on which to erect a gold mine in the S. H. mountains near Yuma. There is an eight foot hole on the property, and there is said to be an enormous showing of free gold in it. The Yuma Sentinel says that one of Mr. Randolph's partners have gone to Los Angeles to buy a mill. The Sentinel does not tell what kind of a mill they are going to buy. Some little interest being expressed regarding that mill. Some think it will be a stamp mill, others that it will be a cyanide mill. An old prospector says that the best kind of a mill for an eight foot mine is a mortar, a pestle and a big spoon.—Lordsburg Liberal.

Pinos Altos will probably have the finest display of ores, from a single mining camp, at the Nashville exposition. The mine owners have all taken an active interest in the matter and on Saturday a large shipment of ore was made. The display will show some exceptionally fine samples from the Pacific and other mines owned by the firm. Some of the pieces weighed hundreds of pounds and were as large as could be conveniently handled. These large samples clearly demonstrate that they are not simply specimens, but show a large body of ore from whence they came.

It is a current report, says the Prescott Courier, that the Raeburn Ray Iron and Land company of Duluth, Minn., had purchased the Empire, Sheldon, Champion, Fortuna and other mines in Lynx creek, from Clark & Stuckey and Judge Griffin for \$40,000. George R. Sutherland, who has been instrumental in inducing several parties of capitalists to visit this section, is credited with having brought about this sale.

Giles Otis Pearce, metallurgist from Colorado City, spent night before last at the Highland. Mr. Pearce left for Yuma by way of El Paso on No. 1 yesterday morning. He goes to examine a gold mine in that vicinity and report on it for part of a contemplated making an investment. The gold mines in the neighborhood of Yuma seem to promise substantial permanence.—Citizen.

Chihuahua.—The mining camp of Santa Eulalia, seven miles distant from this town, is reducing about \$300,000 monthly. The mine Santo Domingo has on the dump 300,000 tons of ore, which, it is said, in the assay shows 52 per cent of silver and 42 per cent of lead. The mineral of this mine is bought by the smelting company of Kansas City and the Guggenheims.

Altar.—The French company which is working some mines near Caborca, this district, has extended its possessions considerably in a rich mining zone, which is being exploited with considerable good fortune. This company is rich and powerful, and is able to establish a large business, giving work to a great many people.

The Silver City Reduction works is receiving ore from all sections of the International Railway which is being received at the works—one car of ore from Hillsboro, Sierra county, N. M., one car from Crittenden, Arizona, and one car from Old Mexico, beside a large amount from the surrounding camps in Grant county.

Corralitos.—Work in the mines here is almost at a standstill, and agents have been sent to Chihuahua to seek laborers, but they have not been meeting with success, on account of a rumor circulated to the effect that the contractors pay the men of with fiasco instead of with coin of the country.

It is reliably reported that W. H. White and Hank Dorsey have made a rich strike of gold ore, on the east side of the Frisco river, in the Greenlee district near the Arizona and New Mexico boundary line. They have four good claims, and which they are taking out ore for shipment.

Coahuila.—The Socorro de la Providencia mine, the property of Senor Benigno C. Baez, has produced ore at the depth of six, eight and twelve meters with alloy of gold at from two and a half to four ounces to the ton and from 15 to 16 per cent copper.

Monterey.—The new branch of the International Railway which branches from the trunk line at Reato to go to Monterey, a distance of sixty-five miles is finished up to within twenty-five miles of the latter place.

San Luis Potosi.—There are 1243 wells with water and 1095 without it in this city. These figures are not strictly accurate, as a number of persons declined to say whether there was water or not in their wells.

Malcolm McLeish has had a bonanza in the old Vulture tailings at Smith's mill. Parties who are somewhat familiar with the workings of these tailings, estimate that Mr. McLeish will clean up not less than \$5,000.

The Empire smelter has started up with an abundance of ore at the works to make a good run. All of the principal owners are on the ground.

The San Pedro and adjacent camps are looking up, and good strikes are being reported every day.

A 40-stamp mill is being erected by the Excelsior Mining company in Monterey county.

The Commonwealth Mining company at Pearce has just shipped five cars of ore to the smelters at El Paso and Pueblo.

It is said that there is enough ore in sight at the Boquillas mines to run five years and take out 100 tons per day during that time.—Avalanche.

A piece of ore weighing 100 pounds was taken from the Noonday mine at Pecos that contained \$125 in gold. The rock was literally covered and filled with gold.

The coal beds at Cerrillos are said to be playing out, and if such proves to be the case, there promises to be increased activity in coal production at Gallup and Blossburg.—Optic.

The outlook around Crittenden is brighter than for years; large numbers of trains are loading for both ways, hauling ore from the mines to the smelter and for shipment over the road and returning loaded with supplies for the mines.

J. C. Bird handed us an ore rock this week which he said was dug up in Brewster county by some one whose name he did not give, but remarked that if he had been the discoverer he would be digging there yet. The rock is said to contain gold.—Avalanche.

We understand that the same lead of ore as the Boquillas mines has been struck on the Texas side and that it is just as rich. It is believed by many that the same lead of ore runs from 12 miles east of Alpine—where the Caruthers-Lafarell-Gold mine is now being worked.—Avalanche.

The coal fields of the San Carlos reservation will soon be thrown open. With a direct line of railroad from this place to the reservation, the problem of cheap fuel for Silver City would be solved and cheap fuel is all that is wanted to make this the greatest smelting point in the entire west.

Very rich ore was struck in the Arroyo mine recently at Pecos, in Yuma county, which joins the Noonday and Golden Dream mines and in the same vein as that in which the rich ore has been found in the Golden Dream mines. Two new strikes of very rich ore were made on this vein last week.

Wool Scouring Plant.

The prospect of a stiff tariff on wool is having its effect on industrial matters in Albuquerque, and in less than a month the wheels will go around in a business that has been idle for years past.

Mr. James Wilkinson of Los Angeles, Cal., has leased the old wool scouring plant on the east side of the Santa Fe tracks, north of the depot, and a large force of men are busy preparing the concern for business. The building is being remodeled and much new machinery added. Today a fine engine and a large boiler were placed in position, over which a house will be erected, while the old scouring machines are receiving necessary repairs, and new ones will be installed. When ready for work the plant will have a capacity of about 15,000 pounds per day.

Mr. Wilkinson will establish a market for wool of all grades in Albuquerque, buying it and preparing it for the western market.

A Negro Cadet.

Congressman Shattuck, of Ohio, has nominated D. J. Bandy, a negro lad of Cincinnati, to a cadetship at Annapolis. He is sure to withdraw the nomination, but says he will stand by the appointment. There have been some murmurs of disappointment from the naval academy and threats of the students to resign.

General Shattuck said: "I have received no communications from the students at Annapolis on this subject, but several congressmen have told me that it was an unwritten law not to allow a negro boy at Annapolis. They told me that if I persisted it would break up the school; that the other students would resign. 'Let them resign and be damned,' I replied. 'That boy has earned his appointment fairly and I'm going to see that he goes to Annapolis and receives fair treatment if it is in my power to do so.'"

Business Improving.

Gross, Blackwell & Co's. say of business conditions in the territory that confidence in a large measure has returned, merchants are buying freely and what is a much stronger indication of improvement, wholesalers are selling to persons who, a few months back, could get goods only for cash. Prices are better, and all things taken into consideration, business is far better and in a much healthier state than a month ago. There is yet much to be derived, but the improvement in the past 30 days is so marked that a speedy return to prosperity is predicted. Should the senate consent to a tariff on silk, hosiery and wool, which will afford ample protection to these interests in the south-west, New Mexico will experience an old-time revival in business of all kinds before a twelvemonth passes.

Articles which the Mexicans propose to tax to a prohibitory point, in retaliation for the Dingley bill, are hogs, canned beef, pickled and salted beef, cured beef, tallow, bacon, hams, pickled pork, mutton, imitation butter, oil, oil, poultry and game and other provisions.

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The Southern Pacific has issued an illustrated circular, giving the itinerary of a special train of Pullman Buffet sleepers which will leave Houston on the morning of April 16th for City of Mexico, stopping at points of interest en route. The return trip will be made via Tampico, thus enabling the lumberists to visit San Luis Potosi and Monterey, two of the principal cities in the republic. Round trip tickets for regular trains also on sale April 16 and 17, from Houston, at rate of \$30 going and returning via Torreon, and \$5 higher for tickets going or returning via Tampico.

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